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WARREN COUNTY CRACK COCAINE DEALER SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS 8 MONTHS

– Aided and abetted in sale of six grams of crack to a confidential informant

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Cornelius Hampton**, age 31, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, was sentenced to 11 years and 8 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, aiding and abetting in the distribution of crack cocaine, and distributing crack cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Hampton to 10 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Hampton pled guilty and admitted between May 13, 2005, and May 25, 2005, in Warren County, he and **Robert Lee Halcomb**, a co-defendant in this case, conspired with each other and with other persons to distribute 50 or more grams of crack cocaine, worth at least \$5,000 on the street; that on May 14, 2005, he and Halcomb, each aided and abetted by the other, sold approximately six grams of "crack" to a police informant, worth approximately \$600 on the street; and that Hampton distributed a total of 67.29 grams of crack cocaine on the 17th, 20th, and 25th of May 2005, which is worth approximately \$6,700 on the street. Halcomb also pled

guilty to the charges against him and is scheduled to be sentenced on November 7, 2007.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Bowling Green/Warren County Drug Task Force and the Kentucky State Police, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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